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## Call for nominees for Excellence in Sports for 2011



The Rotaract Club of Aruba, a group of young professionals dedicated to community service, is pleased to announce their end of the year project, UN P'AMI – UN P'E – One For Me, One For You was a total success.



Every year the government of Aruba presents to our athletes the opportunity to qualify for the prestigious Excellence in Sports Award. This is an award which recognizes those who excelled in their area of sport during the year. It is a tremendous show of gratitude, recognition and stimulation that the island demonstrates to those who excelled in athletics on the island.

The process of selecting the winner is very impartial where the various sport groups and the local press in an organized fashion do a careful review of

all the nominees to finally choose the athlete of the year. The winner is then celebrated during a special event.

With the help of information provided by the federations and local sport reporters they select those who excelled in athletics both on the local front as well as those who excelled in international athletic competitions.

Thus far, the federations that have submitted nominees are: Aruba Softball Bond; Arubaanse Atletiek Bond; Aruba Sailing Association; Aruba Schiet Bond; Arubaanse

Zwembond & Synchro and Aruba Triathlon Association.

The Commission is allowing the other federations one last opportunity to present their nominee(s) for the Excellence in Sports 2011 Award. The final date to submit nominees is January 16th at Centro Deportivo Guillermo Trinidad complex in Dakota. For more information, call 567-2875.

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## Dr. Ryan Peterson on the importance of ...

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"What is also important are questions of community and societal impact of climate change...how changes will impact the Aruban community along with changes in energy policies ...in order to move that coherent policy -and I emphasize coherent- looking at the balance and integration of economic, social and environmental policies in an integrated fashion in mind of mid-term and long-term perspective."

The effects of climate are also radically felt in the world's oceans and seas, and as an island community surrounded by water, this is of particular concern; this and the other questions mentioned will be of particular focus over the first two days of the conference. "Aruba has made some steps in some areas, but there is obviously more we need to

take in creating that sustainable future in an integrated fashion. Environmental laws are expected to be a key priority. "It isn't only about the legal aspect, but the execution of coherent programs."

Dr. Peterson acknowledged another aspect of such a conference is bringing an awareness of Aruba's policies and actions to important parties that could prove vital towards the advancement of the ultimate goal of fossil fuel independence, being a leader in the region, possibly the world, in the development of renewable energy technology, and the realization of this last aspect as a new and strong pillar of the island's economy. "What subsequent steps could be made and should be made to realize that vision we have of Aruba as a 'Green Gateway,' and what

that implies regarding assets, infrastructure, education-laws, there are so many assets involved in sustainable development from a broad perspective. The question is not "if" the question is "when," in regards to policy actions that should be taken and when they should be taken to realize our objectives. This is, indeed a 'big' effort, but in these times we live in, it is no longer sufficient to just fine tune the left or right, and do it in a fragmented way."

The third day, Wednesday, January 18, the University of Aruba will host a public session with Dr. Daniel Schrag, Sturgis Hooper Professor of Geology at Harvard and Director of Harvard University Center for the Environment. His presentation "Confronting the Climate-Energy Challenge" begins at 7:00 PM and the pub-

lic is encouraged to attend this free lecture.

"Consciousness is rising on Aruba regarding sustainable development, but I think we are not there yet," maintains Dr. Peterson. "The message doesn't always trickle down as well as we would like; let's be honest, the world has been discussing "Sustainable Development" for over sixty years and yet there are decisions made on a global level that bewilder many of us. It is a continuous effort; we have come a long way, but we are not there yet. Sustainable Development does not have an end station; there will be no moment in time when a country, an island, a society can say "ok, now we are sustainable." It is a continuous effort, environments are continually changing, and climate change will not stop. All these

question will be tackle in a due way. We may change our laws, but how do we change our behavior and beliefs to that philosophy of sustainable? We all know we shouldn't be driving through the red light, and yet, we still see it. We need to remind the community day after day, not only explaining what and how we are doing things, but the why of it. This requires a lot of information and communication, and from my perspective, education. Not only towards the new generation, which appears to already be instilled with an awareness"

"It is about taking actions, but how can these actions be taken in a coherent, well-communicated and integrated fashion, so that we really become that "Green Pearl" that we aspire to be."

*by Rosalie Klein*



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## The Ostrich Farm proudly presents Chef Thomas Boland



One of the most entertaining vacation activities is a visit to the Ostrich Farm, a popular stopover on most island jeep tours.

Locals and visitors enjoy lunch at the farm, as the Savana Lodge Bar & Restaurant serves a memorable African/ Dutch menu, and features a well-stocked African Art Boutique.

The highlight of the visit is always the fun interaction with the resident ostriches and emus, including a trip to the incubators and the bird kindergarten, housing baby ostriches, baby emus, baby goats, baby geese, and even a cute baby pot-bellied pig!

Some members of the local press were recently invited to meet the farm's latest recruit, Chef Thomas Boland whose pedigree boasts direct, genetic lineage to one of Aruba most-decorated and beloved chefs:

Matt Boland, the Executive Chef of the Westin Aruba Resort.

Chef Thomas, Matt's handsome son, first headed to the kitchen at the age of four, when he made breakfast for his two other siblings. He distinctly remembers finding his vocation right there and then, making irresistible bacon and eggs, realizing that cooking is in his blood.

As the kitchen artist at the Ostrich Farm, Thomas introduced a few of his own favorite meals to the lunch menu such as braised short ribs, slow cooked pork shoulder and the island's longest sandwich, a delicious 23" baguette stuffed with generously sliced, 3-hour, slow-cooked, braised beef in wine sauce!



The jaw-breaker is escorted to the table by the enthusiastic chef, served on a giant platter, au jus, with French mustard on the side.

We devoured half of that sandwich, and took the other half home, in a box, and it tasted equally great in the evening, for dinner.

The family-style sandwich was paired with family style Dutch pea soup, served in a cactus bowl, brimming with Ham,

sausage and carrots.

Thomas reports he harvests the cacti himself, from the nearby cuncucu and that the Erwtensoepp soup recipe was born in his childhood home-kitchen!

An intuitive chef, Thomas also works wonders with Ostrich meat which finds its way into Ostrich Carpaccio, Ostrich Sate, Ostrich Shoarma, Ostrich Steak, and Jerk Ostrich, beside Omelets, Burgers and Oriental Stir-Fries.

At the end of our tasty lunch Chef Thomas took his white jacket and toque off and toured us at the farm introducing us to several Ostrich pairs, now at the beginning of the breeding season. It was a National Geographic moment when on cue Mr Ostrich flapped his wings excitedly and poked around the ground with his bill, triggering Mrs Ostrich who ran around in circles, flapped her wings and also poked around, before collapsing on the ground in a heap of feathers, allowing

him to mount her, shaking, winding and spiraling his head in all direction!

Mr Ostrich concluded his unexpected performance with a loud honking, his eyes rolling, then got up in a huff to nonchalantly strut away, leaving his wife and the scrutiny of our cameras.


It was a surprise reality TV moment, and not usually included in the regular program. Feeding the Ostriches is however always on the program, and they are eternally hungry, and fun!

Marjan Walhain, the farm's General Manager reports the farm is available for special events, birthdays and anniversaries, and with the Ostriches in charge of the entertainment and Thomas in charge of the kitchen, a success production is guaranteed.

For more information go to the website: [www.ArubaOstrichFarm.com](http://www.ArubaOstrichFarm.com)


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## Joran van der Sloot...

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His 28-year sentence is due to end on June 20, 2038, taking into account the time he has spent in jail.

The trial attracted widespread attention in the United States, as Van der Sloot is a prime suspect in the unsolved disappearance of US college student Natalee Holloway on Aruba in 2005.

The Dutchman was twice arrested in the Holloway case and spent three months in jail but never was formally charged. Holloway's body has not been found. The Lima trial provided no insights into the Holloway case.

The Peru trial was postponed last week after Van der Sloot admitted guilt but asked for time to decide how to plead.

Van der Sloot's lawyer however at one point mentioned the "extreme psychological shock" suffered by his client due to numerous articles slandering the Dutchman on the fifth anniversary of Holloway's disappearance, in May 2010.

The victim's father, Ricardo Flores, complained after the verdict that Van der Sloot was enjoying favorable conditions in a Lima prison, where he has been living apart from the general population and foreigners with money can buy superior treatment.

"A jail isn't a 5-star hotel," Ricardo Flores told reporters. "Let's hope the authorities take that into account and not just in our case."

"Since the first day we've been complaining about the excessive privileges" that Van der Sloot allegedly enjoyed in jail, he said.

Flores said he would present evidence of this at a news conference on Monday. Unconfirmed news reports denied by penal authorities say Van der Sloot has also had a television and video gaming console.

## Civil Servants and Pensioners to receive Cost of Living Adjustment in early salary payments next week

ORANJESTAD -- The organization representing government pensioners, the OPPA, has been granted equal cost of living adjustment after a lengthy discussion over this matter with the government. Hence, this month all civil servants and all 3000 plus government pensioners will receive the Afls.140 cost of living adjustment in their upcoming

salaries and pension receipts.

In last week's meeting with the government, OPPA was assured that their members will receive the "indexering" (cost of living adjustment), however, only as an additional allowance ("toeslag") and not as part of the general fund.

As is customary every year, the Aruba government pays the salaries of all civil servants very early in the

month of January. Hence, around mid January, next week, all public servants will receive their salaries along with the Afls.140 of the cost of living adjustment and other benefits accorded by the union. Likewise all government retired employees, pensioners, will also receive this same amount in their pension receipts as of January 2012.

## Van der Sloot gets 28 years in Peru, now U.S. wants him

Joran van der Sloot was sentenced yesterday to 28 years in a Peruvian prison for strangling a woman there, and American officials are now expected to bring him to Alabama to face charges in connection with the disappearance of Natalee Holloway.

The attorney for Holloway's mother, John Q. Kelly, said after yesterday's sentencing that he hopes van der Sloot will be extradited to the U.S. within "a couple of months."

Van der Sloot is charged

with extorting \$25,000 from Holloway's grieving mother Beth Holloway in exchange for information about the location of Natalee's body. After receiving the money, van der Sloot admitted lying about where the girl's body was buried.

"We anticipate that U.S. authorities will move quickly to bring him to Alabama to face pending federal charges and to answer for his past conduct in Aruba," Kelly had said prior to the sentencing.



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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### US Marines questioned over urination video

WASHINGTON (AFP) - All four US Marines seen in an on-line video urinating on the corpses of militants in Afghanistan have been identified and two of them have been questioned, American military officials said yesterday.

The official said the two men "have been questioned" by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service over the disturbing footage but are "not in custody."

The official, who asked not to be named because of the ongoing probe, confirmed the Marines seen in the graphic footage are from a sniper unit in the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines based at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, and that the two men questioned are both on active duty.

Tracking down the other two Marines took longer, apparently because they had been transferred from Camp Lejeune, said the official.

But the US military confirmed all four men have now been identified.

The 3rd Battalion 2nd Marines was deployed in southwestern Afghanistan's Helmand province from March to September last year, and the video "potentially" was shot during that period, the official

said.

The online video showed four US troops urinating on three bloodied corpses, and one of the men, apparently aware he was being filmed, saying: "Have a great day, buddy," referring to one of the dead.

The footage has angered Afghan President Hamid Karzai and embarrassed the Pentagon, with US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton condemning the acts as deplorable and vowing that the culprits would be found and punished.

The soldiers in the video could face a court-martial for violating the Uniform Code of Military Justice as well as the

Geneva Conventions, which provide that the remains of enemy fighters be treated with dignity.

Investigators will also be seeking to identify and question others who might have been involved with the graphic acts, including the person who filmed the scene, who was most likely a fellow serviceman, another US military official said.

He said military authorities will also seek to question the managers of the units involved, and that if command flaws are determined to have encouraged or led to the improper behavior of the troops, then those commanders will be punished.

### Russian ship heads to Syria with 'dangerous cargo'

SAINT PETERSBURG (AFP) - A Russian ship carrying a "dangerous cargo" has sailed for Syria after a brief stopover in Cyprus, despite a pledge reportedly given to Cypriot authorities, the vessel's owner said yesterday.

An independent Russian military analyst separately reported that the ship was likely to dock at the Syrian port of Tartus with what media said may be up to 60 tons of ammunition supplied by the state Russian arms exporter.

The Cypriot foreign ministry said Wednesday the Saint Vincent-flagged cargo ship was allowed to refuel and set sail from the port of Limassol after its Russian owners agreed to change the destination from Syria.

Cyprus inspectors said the ship's documents showed Turkey as an alternative desti-

nation point.

But the vessel's Saint Petersburg-based operator Westberg Ltd said the Chariot decided to keep to its original schedule after leaving the Cyprus port.

"It was classified as a dangerous cargo, but that could really mean anything. We are not responsible for knowing what was inside the crates," a source at the shipping company told AFP.

The source refused to confirm a Russian state media report saying the cargo was being shipped by the state arms export agency Rosoboronexport through a freight company called Balchart.

Both Rosoboronexport and Balchart declined to comment when contacted by AFP.

But the respected Russian shipping analyst Mikhail Voitenko said on his Maritime

### Nigerian strike to pause as talks seek to avert oil shutdown



**LAGOS** --AFP photo shows people standing on a bus past a bonfire set up on Ikorodu Road in Lagos as labour and civil society protest over fuel prices, in Lagos, Nigeria yesterday. Nigerian police fired tear gas and shot into the air as thousands of protesters converged on the governor's office in the northern city of Kano. Nigerian unions announced yesterday that a national strike over fuel prices that has paralysed the country for five days would be suspended over the weekend.

### Norway gunman gets new psychiatric exam

OSLO (AFP) - An Oslo court yesterday ordered a new psychiatric evaluation of Anders Behring Breivik, who killed 77 people in July, after an earlier and widely contested test found him criminally insane.

Two new experts, were to evaluate the 32-year-old right-wing extremist's sanity and are set to hand over their findings "before the beginning of (his) trial" on April 16.

The new evaluation risks being complicated by the fact that Behring Breivik has already refused through his lawyer to cooperate with the probe.

To simplify the task and bypass his unwillingness to interact, the self-confessed killer could be moved from the Ila high-security prison near Oslo, where he is currently being held, to a psychiatric institution for observation.

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### World financial arbitrator to open doors Monday at the Hague

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - An international tribunal specializing in arbitrating financial disputes would launch its services Monday at the Hague, the chairman of the foundation created to run the expert body said.

"This tribunal will help settle disputes involving complex financial issues," said Jeffery Golden, chairman of the foundation overseeing the Panel of Recognised International Market Experts in Finance (PRIME Finance).

"When you read the newspaper, you would think that the only way forward is better market regulation, that's what we call preventive medicine. But there will be accidents, and by analogy, we will be the hospital," he added.

In October 2010, 60 financial experts who were meeting at the Hague decided that it was necessary to create a tribunal to rule on complex financial disputes brought by states, local governments and private companies.

Besides providing arbitration services, PRIME Finance will also offer judicial training programs.

About 82 experts from around the world, judges, administrators of private firms and legal practitioners are al-

ready accredited to PRIME Finance, said Golden.

Based at the Hague, arbitrators may hold hearings at the Peace Palace, where the International Court of Justice is located.

But this new tribunal will also be flexible and could hold hearings anywhere in the world if necessary, said Golden.

PRIME Finance will be financed by the Dutch government and the city of the Hague in its first two years.

It will then be self-financed thanks to contributions from disputing parties which are also expected to accept its rulings.

### Record-breaking snows strain even hardy Alaskans

ANCHORAGE - Alaska's record-breaking winter snowstorms have achieved a new milestone -- school closures in Valdez, a snow-tough Prince William Sound port that is on pace to beat its own season snowfall record.

This winter marks the first time in decades that Valdez schools have closed because of snow volumes, city and school district officials said. Potentially dangerous loads of snow on school roofs prompted the

### Iranian leader ends lackluster Latin America tour

QUITO - Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad yesterday wrapped up a four-nation tour of Latin America that yielded kind words from ideological allies but no clear offers to help ease Western sanctions against its nuclear program.

The limited results from his tour of Venezuela, Nicaragua, Cuba and Ecuador reinforce the view that Iran will need to rely on diplomatic heavyweights like China or Russia to help stave off sanctions that for the first time threaten its oil income.

Latin America's most prominent left-wing presidents, led by Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, have defended Iran's right to develop nuclear energy and slammed tightened measures by Washington.

But while burnishing their

"anti-imperialist" credentials and showering Ahmadinejad with praise, the bloc of socialist allies offered few signs they can help Iran undercut sanctions with cash or fuel.

"It's a diplomatic show of sorts, doing the rounds of his partners in the region, it's a reminder to anyone who's watching that Iran continues to have relationships with countries in Latin America," said Risa Grais-Targow from the Eurasia Group political risk consultancy.

Ahmadinejad received the warmest welcome from Chavez, who mocked accusations that Iran is building a nuclear weapon, and he later visited Nicaragua's Daniel Ortega, Cuba's Raul Castro and Ecuador's Rafael Correa.

But Ahmadinejad was largely silent on key issues including the bomb attack in Tehran this week that killed an

Iranian nuclear scientist, the condemning to death of an Iranian-American man for spying, Iran's threats to close oil traffic in the vital Strait of Hormuz, and the start of uranium enrichment.

When directly asked how Iran would confront an expanding economic embargo, Ahmadinejad avoided going into details and instead borrowed from the leftist rhetoric of his Latin American hosts.

Iran has done a raft of deals in Latin America nations ranging from housing construction agreements with Venezuela to financing for Cuba's purchases of Iranian-made train cars.

But operational problems and delays have plagued many of those projects, and critics dismiss them as diplomatically motivated white elephants rather than productive enterprises.



**ALEXANDRIA : US First Lady Michelle Obama dances onstage during "Random Dancing" with cast members of the Nickelodeon television show iCarly, including Miranda Cosgrove (L), who plays Carly Shay, and Jennette McCurdy (R), who plays Sam Puckett, during a screening of an episode of the show featuring Obama at Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria, Virginia, on January 13, 2012. Mrs. Obama appears on an episode honoring military families and kids which will air on the children's cable network January 16. On the show, the character of Carly Shay is the daughter of an Air Force Colonel serving overseas in the military. (AFP PHOTO)**

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# 40 TIPS FOR A BETTER LIFE IN 2012

Here are some great steps to improve your life in 2012.

1. Take a 10 - 30 minute walk every day, and while you walk, smile. It is the ultimate antidepressant.

2. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day. I like to take this 10 minutes (sadly sometimes just 5 minutes if pressed for time) to think of everything that is going RIGHT and not wrong and to give thanks for what I do have...so many people have it worse.

3. Buy a DVR and record your late night shows and get more sleep.

4. When you wake up in the morning complete the following statement, "My purpose is to \_\_\_\_\_ today."

5. Live with the 3 E's - Energy, Enthusiasm, and Empathy.

6. Play more games and read more books than you did in 2011.

7. Make time to practice meditation and prayer. They provide us with daily fuel for our busy lives.

8. Spend time with people over the age of 70 and under the age of six. There is so much wisdom to learn from people in their 60's, 70's, 80's - take some time to take it all in. As far as kids go...try to remember what it was like to find everything so exciting and so new. We can learn a

lot from kids!

9. Dream more while you are awake.

10. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants. Eat less food that is manufactured in plants!

11. Drink green tea and plenty of water.

12. Try to make at least 3 people smile each day.

13. Clean clutter from your house, your car, your desk, and let new and flowing energy into your life.

14. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip, or issues of the past, negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.

15. Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.

16. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince, and dinner like a college kid with a maxed out credit card.

17. Smile and laugh more. It will keep the NEGATIVE BLUES away.

18. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.

19. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.

20. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.

21. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

22. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.

23. Don't compare your life to others'. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

24. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.

25. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: "In five years, will this matter?"

26. Forgive everyone for everything.

27. What other people think of you is none of your business.

28. Ask, Believe, Receive. (And it WILL happen!)

29. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.

30. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.

31. Get rid of anything that

isn't useful, beautiful, or joyful.

32. Envy is a waste of time.



You already have all you need.

33. The best is yet to come.

34. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up, and show up.

35. Do the right thing!

36. Call your family often.. (Or email them to death!)

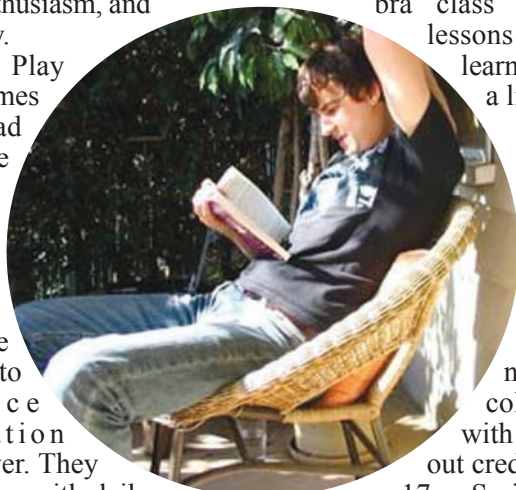
37. Each night before you

go to bed, complete the following statements: "I am thankful for \_\_\_\_\_ Today I accomplished \_\_\_\_\_"

38. Remember you are too blessed to be stressed.

39. Enjoy the ride. Remember this is not Disney World and you certainly don't want a fast pass. You only have one ride through life so make the most of it and enjoy the ride.

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## More than 100 baby seals rescued on Dutch coast



THE HAGUE (AFP) - A Dutch marine rescue centre for baby seals said Friday more than 100 of the sea mammal pups had washed up along the country's northern coastline after recent storms.

The large numbers -- which the centre blamed in part on rising environmental pressures that leave the young seals weak -- had stretched the centre's capacity, forcing it to put up an extra tent and pool.

"In the last 10 days, as a result of storms, we have rescued more than 100 seals washed up, with the total number at the centre shooting up to 365," said Zeehondencreche (Seal Nursery) director Lenie t'Hart.

Usually the centre rescues about 150 seals a year, she said.

Although stormy weather in the Wadden Sea -- an intertidal zone spanning the coast and the Wadden Islands in the northern Netherlands -- played a role, t'Hart said growing numbers washing up, especially pups, showed the Dutch seal population is under increasing pressure.

"In the last two or three years, we have seen more and more seals wash up too weak to look after themselves," she told AFP.

"This is a result of commercial overfishing as well as seals getting sick from eating

fish with toxins as a result of pollution."

Especially vulnerable were seal pups under one year old.

"These pups eat small fish, but even in protected areas, they cannot find food because there are no more small fish left," she said.

When a pup arrives at the creche, it is washed, given fluids "as many are severely dehydrated", and fed a "porridge" of ground herring and water.

They are then placed in a special pen to recuperate.

Because of the large numbers, an extra tent with pools and pens had to be set up, and the nursery asked other marine institutions for help, t'Hart said.

She said most seals recover sufficiently to be released back into the Wadden Sea or the North Sea within three months.

Partly declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2009, the Wadden Sea consists of salt marshes, tidal and permanently flooded flats, sand banks and channels.

It is shared between the Netherlands and Germany and is a popular destination for water sports and nature lovers, with whom seal sight-seeing trips remain popular, according to the Wadden Sea World Heritage website.

## Sci-Tech

# Apple suspends iPhone sales at China stores



(AFP) - Apple said Friday it was suspending sales of the new iPhone at its China stores after fans desperate to get their hands on it fought with security and threw eggs at an official outlet.

Police detained at least two people outside the Beijing shop on Friday when angry crowds who had queued for hours in freezing temperatures for the Chinese launch of the iPhone 4S were left furious after being refused entry.

An AFP reporter outside the store in the upmarket Sanlitun district saw frustrated shoppers attack a security guard after police with mega-

phones shouted at the 1,000-strong crowd to go home and said the gadget would not go on sale.

Apple said its other mainland China stores -- another in Beijing and three in Shanghai -- had sold out of the new device within hours.

"The demand for iPhone 4S has been incredible," said spokeswoman Carolyn Wu.

"Unfortunately we were unable to open our store at Sanlitun due to the large crowd, and to ensure the safety of our customers and employees, iPhones will not be available in our retail stores in Beijing and Shanghai for the time being."

Apple said customers could still order iPhones online and at other authorised retailers in China.

A worker at a small, downtown China Unicom shop said 80 iPhone 4S models had sold out in four hours.

Some of the people gathered outside the Sanlitun store

from the early hours on Friday told AFP they had been promised 100 yuan (almost \$16) each by touts to stand in line and wait for the doors to open.

Reselling is a major industry in China, where the new iPhone has been on sale for months at a premium on the black market, after being smuggled in from neighbouring countries and from Hong Kong.

The new model, which features a high-definition video camera and a quick-witted artificial intelligence "personal assistant" named Siri, had its global launch in October.

Die-hard fans in China, which has the world's largest online population with more than 500 million users, have been known to line up for days to get their hands on the latest Apple products.

But Apple's popularity has also brought problems, with widespread counterfeiting and illegal smuggling of its products.

## British student can be extradited to US over website



British student Richard O'Dwyer arrives at Westminster Magistrates Court.

LONDON (AFP) - A British student who created a website allowing people to watch films and TV shows for free can be extradited to the the US to answer copyright infringement

allegations, a court ruled Friday.

Richard O'Dwyer, 23, allegedly earned thousands of pounds (dollars) through advertising on the TVShack website before it was closed down by US authorities.

He faces jail if found guilty of the charges, which were brought after a crackdown by the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

O'Dwyer's lawyer Ben Cooper indicated during the hearing at Westminster Magistrates Court in London that he would appeal.

The lawyer said the website did not store copyright mate-

rial itself and merely directed users to other sites, making it similar to Google.

Cooper also argued that his client -- who would be the first British citizen to be extradited for such an offence -- was being used as a "guinea pig" for copyright law in the United States.

But District Judge Quentin Purdy ruled the extradition could go ahead.

His mother Julia O'Dwyer, from Chesterfield in northern England, has described the moves by US authorities as "beyond belief" and described Britain's extradition treaty with the United States as "rotten".

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6. —-terre
11. Place for a gnu
14. Bird or King
15. Attribute
16. Osaka cincher
17. Famous sharpshooter
19. Lon — of Cambodia
20. New Mexico art colony
21. Ocean vessel initials
22. Wheel projections
24. Make lace
26. Narrow sand dune
27. Great Plains buffalo hunter
32. Tropical American cuckoo

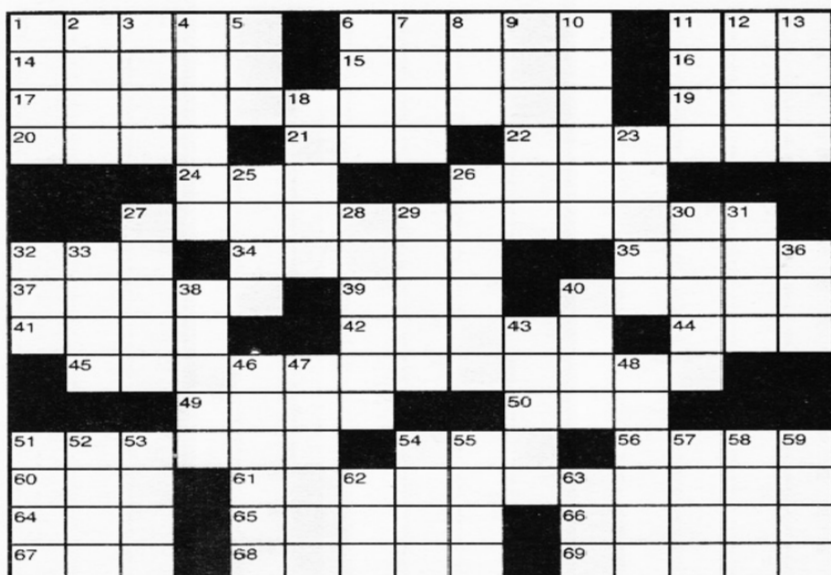
34. Songwriting partner of Bobby Hart
35. Trotsky or Redbone
37. Mea —
39. Beatnik's apartment
40. Italian river
41. Woodhouse or Bovary
42. Jockey Cordero
44. Blarney Stone kisser's gift
45. Dapper marshal
49. What they call the rain, in "Paint Your Wagon"
50. Refuting word
51. — scampi
54. Art: Lat.
56. "— Rebel"
60. Water, to Fifi
61. Adolescent outlaw

64. B&O et al.
65. Abrade
66. Daughter of Zeus and Themis
67. Ambulance staffer: abbr.
68. Used cars, sometimes
69. Rhine city

## DOWN

1. Horizontally level
2. Turner of "Imitation of Life"
3. It flooded Florence
4. Olympic skater Yamaguchi
5. Private —
6. Bake-sale gps.
7. Rankles
8. Borman's defunct corp.
9. Truck engine

10. Not conforming
11. Certain "Let's Make a Deal" deal
12. Double-reed instrument
13. Fixes a squeak
18. Top
23. In days — (formerly)
25. Jessica of "Dark Angel"
26. Music's Sister
27. Bedrock woman
28. Detour
29. "— Get Started"
30. Condescend
31. Eastern form of exercise
32. "— Drummond" (1936 film)
33. In a pain-free state
36. It's south of S. Dak.
38. Actress LuPone
40. In addition to
43. Director Lubitsch
46. One who belongs
47. Strive
48. Foreigners
51. Like tumbleweeds
52. Hurt
53. Shade of orange
54. Actor Ray
55. Old Overholt et al.
57. — out (makes do)
58. Trigonometry function
59. Arabia's Gulf of —
62. Droopy-eared rabbit
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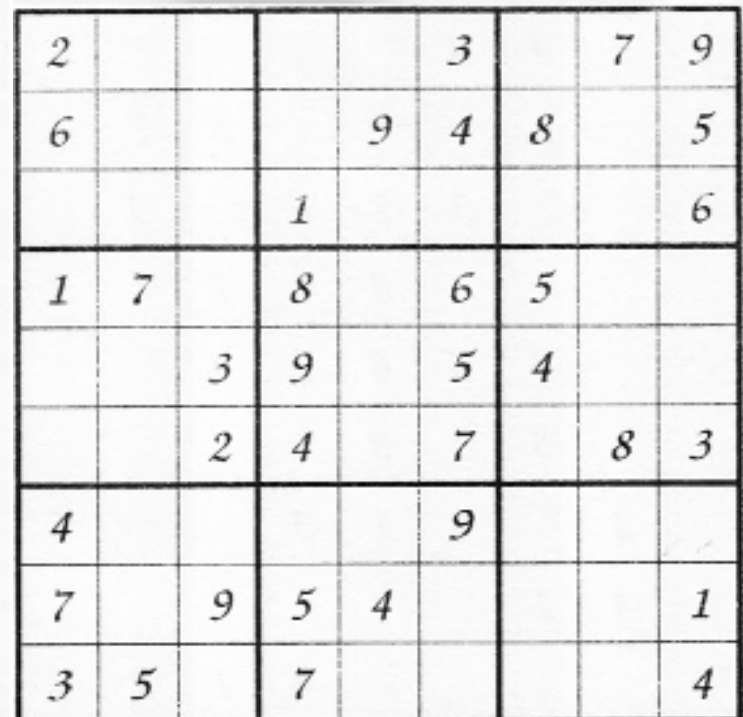
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## Finance

# Euro plummets on Friday 13th as French downgrade looms

PARIS (AFP) - Efforts to save the eurozone economies suffered a double blow yesterday as major player France lost its triple-A debt rating and talks to agree a Greek debt writedown collapsed.

The single currency plunged to 16-month lows, and European stock markets slid back sharply after opening up on what proved a grim Friday 13th for EU policy makers, in particular France's President Nicolas Sarkozy.

In Brussels, EU government sources told AFP Standard and Poor's had warned the bloc that France would be downgraded by one notch, while fellow top-line creditors Germany, Luxembourg, Finland and the Netherlands would be spared.

The single currency fell

back to \$1.2638, a 16-month low, while London's FTSE 100 closed down 0.46 percent, Frankfurt's DAX closed down 0.58 percent and in Paris the CAC 40 dropped 0.11 percent by the end of trading.

American stocks also fell on opening. And there was further bad news from debt-racked eurozone minnow Greece, when a group representing major private lenders said they had failed to reach an agreement to slash its debt burden.

Talks on a Greek writedown have "not produced a constructive consolidated response by all parties," the Institute of International Finance said.

The proposed deal would have seen banks taking a 50-percent "haircut" on Greek debt, which would remove

about 100 billion euros (\$127 billion) from Athens' massive burden and avoid a full-blown default.

"Under the circumstances, discussions with Greece and the official sector are paused for reflection on the benefits of a voluntary approach," the IIF said, in a statement issued in Washington.

Any further downgrades to eurozone countries, especially ones of the likes of France and Germany would be a devastating blow for European leaders ahead of the European summit at the end of the month.

European leaders are due to meet in Brussels on January 30 to nail down details of a fiscal pact designed to reassure bond markets that their deficit reduction plans are on course and their debts safe.

## S&P downgrades France, spares Germany, 3 others

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Standard & Poor's has decided to downgrade France's top-notch credit rating but will spare Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands, an EU government source told AFP yesterday.

"France loses its triple-A rating," the source said on condition of anonymity, adding that the credit ratings agency, one of the world's top three, has notified the governments of its decision.

France was along with Ger-

many, Luxembourg and the Netherlands among the six eurozone nations with a AAA rating. The source was unable to say what S&P decided to do with the two others, Austria and Finland.

Belgium has an AA rating, which is two notches below the top score.

S&P warned last month that the credit ratings of 15 of the eurozone's 17 member states were at risk of a downgrade due to the ongoing debt crisis.

## Fitch revises South Africa's outlook to negative

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Ratings agency Fitch yesterday revised South Africa's outlook from stable to negative, citing the country's failure to create enough jobs and to speed up economic growth.

"Not least of the problems that require urgent attention is the economy's inability to create sufficient jobs for its labour force," said Purvi Harlalka, director in Fitch's Sovereigns group.

"This inability has not only constrained growth and kept the tax base narrow but has also caused public finances to become increasingly redistributive in an effort to address the lack of social mobility," she said.

"The resultant narrowing of fiscal space undermines a key support to South Africa's creditworthiness."

South Africa's unemployment rate is mired around 25 percent, while its economic growth has averaged 2.7 percent over the last five years --

lower than the average in similar economies, Fitch said.

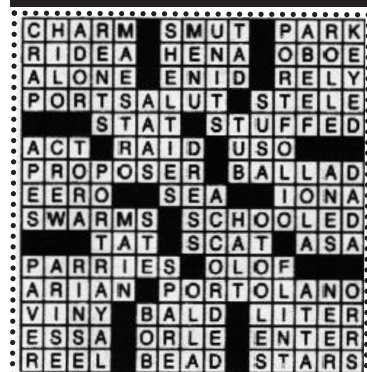
"High unemployment already fosters widespread criminal violence and deters foreign investment," Fitch said in a statement. "Over time it could also threaten social and political stability, damaging the investment climate further."

But Fitch said that South Africa's BBB+ foreign credit rating was still supported by the strength of its courts, regulators and government authorities, which has fostered a solid corporate and financial sector.



**BEIJING, China --** Police try to seal off the area as thousands of customers queue up outside an Apple store in Beijing's upmarket Sanlitun shopping district, in Beijing early morning on January 13, 2012. Thousands of Chinese tech fans queued in freezing temperatures on January 13 as the new iPhone 4S went on sale, sparking violent scenes when staff at the Beijing Apple store refused to open its doors. (AFP PHOTO)

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## List of 2012 Golden Globe nominees, scorecard

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Here is a list of nominees in all movie categories for the 2012 Golden Globe awards, to be announced Sunday in Beverly Hills in a show hosted by British comic Ricky Gervais.

- **best film, drama:** "The Descendants," "The Help," "Hugo," "The Ides of March," "Moneyball," "War

Horse."

- **best film, comedy or musical:** "50/50," "The Artist," "Bridesmaids," "Carnage," "Midnight in Paris," "My Week With Marilyn."

- **best actor, drama:** George Clooney in "The Descendants," Brad Pitt in "Moneyball," Ryan Gosling in "The Ides of March," Michael Fassbender in

"Shame," Leonardo DiCaprio in "J. Edgar."

- **best actress, drama:** Glenn Close in "Albert Nobbs," Viola Davis in "The Help," Rooney Mara in "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo," Meryl Streep in "The Iron Lady," Tilda Swinton in "We Need to Talk About Kevin."

- **best director:** Woody Allen for "Midnight in Paris," George Clooney for "The Ides of March," Michael Hazavicius for "The Artist," Alexander Payne for "The Descendants," Martin Scorsese for "Hugo."

- **best actor, comedy or musical:** Jean Dujardin in "The Artist," Brendan Gleeson in "The Guard," Joseph Gordon-Levitt in "50/50," Ryan Gosling in "Crazy, Stupid, Love," Owen Wilson in "Midnight in Paris."

- **best actress, comedy or musical:** Jodie Foster in "Carnage," Charlize Theron in "Young Adult," Kristen Wiig in "Bridesmaids," Michelle Williams in "My Week with Marilyn," Kate Winslet in "Carnage."

- **best supporting actress:** Berenice Bejo in "The Artist," Jessica Chastain in

"The Help," Janet McTeer in "Albert Nobbs," Octavia Spencer in "The Help," Shailene Woodley in "The Descendants."

- **best supporting actor:** Kenneth Branagh in "My Week With Marilyn," Albert Brooks in "Drive," Jonah Hill in "Moneyball," Viggo Mortensen in "A Dangerous Method," Christopher Plummer in "Beginners."

- **best animated feature:** "The Adventures of Tintin," "Arthur Christmas," "Cars 2," "Puss 'n Boots," "Rango."

- **best screenplay:** "The Artist," "The Descendants," "The Ides of March," "Midnight in Paris," "Moneyball."

- **best foreign language film:** "The Flowers of War"

(China), "In the Land of Blood and Honey" (United States/Serbo-Croatian), "The Kid with Bike" (Belgium), "A Separation" (Iran), "The Skin I Live In" (Spain).

- **best original score:** "The Artist," "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo," "Hugo," "W.E.," "War Horse."

- **best original song:** "Hello Hello" from "Gnomeo and Juliet" by Elton John, "The Keeper" from "Machine Gun Preacher" by Chris Cornell, "Lay Your Head Down" from "Albert Nobbs" by Brian Byrne and Glenn Close, "The Living Proof" from "The Help" by Mary J. Blige, "Masterpiece" from "W.E." by Madonna.



LONDON - David Jacobs, senior conservator at the British Library, poses for photographers with one of the oldest known copies of the Koran (8th century), at the British Museum in central London on January 13, 2012, to mark the launch of a new major exhibition "Hajj: Journey to the Heart of Islam" which opens to the public on January 26.

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January - Wk 2

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## Parents Guide to Skin Protection



It's important to protect your children's skin from the damaging effects of the sun. No matter what they're doing or what time of year it is, if they are outdoors, they need to be protected.

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Protecting the skin from the sun during childhood and adolescence is important in reducing cancer risks later in life. By building safe sun habits into your family's daily routine, you will make your children understand and get used to being protected against the sun and they will become more

can't see through when held up to light.

•Cover up with Hats. Choose hats that shade your child's face, neck and ears.

•Apply Sunscreen every day on skin that is not protected by clothing or a hat. Choose a sunscreen with a high Sun Protection Factor (SPF) such as Aruba Aloe's Waterproof SPF 30 sunscreen for maximum protection. For babies and children under 2 years old, make sure to use a special sunscreen that gives extra protection for the sensitive skin such as "Waterproof Babies SPF 30" from Aruba Aloe. Remember to reapply after swimming, sweating or toweling dry if you use a sunscreen that is not waterproof.

•Use sunscreen even on



hazy or overcast days.

•Keep an extra bottle of sunscreen in the car.

•Pack a bottle of sunscreen in your child's bag.

•Use Sunglasses that block UV rays and protect the eyes and the surrounding tender skin.

•Play in the Shade. The sun's rays are generally strongest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If your children are outdoors, make sure their skin is protected.

•Teach your children the shadow rule. When outside, if your shadow is shorter than you are, it means that the sun is high in the sky and the UV rays are most intense.

•Protect children younger than 6 months of age with clothing and keep them in the shade.

For more advice on how to best protect your and your children's skin against the sun, please call Aruba Aloe: 588-3222 or visit the website [www.ArubaAloe.com](http://www.ArubaAloe.com)

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aware of the harmful effects it can have to their skin. Parents should take the lead by giving the good example; children will respond better when they see their parents protecting their skin as well.

**Important recommendations:**

•Wear protective clothing when out in the sun. Choose shirts and slacks made of tightly woven fabrics that you



## SPORTS

## FOOTBALL: Le Pen slams Qatar for investing in 'Muslim' suburbs



France's far-right National Front (FN) party candidate for the 2012 presidential election, Marine Le Pen.

PARIS (AFP) - Far-right presidential candidate Marine Le Pen on Friday lashed out at Qatar for investing in "Muslim" areas of French cities and for taking over Paris Saint-Germain football club.

"The massive investments which it has made in suburbs are made because of the very high proportion of Muslims who are in the French suburbs," the leader of the anti-immigrant National Front (FN) told reporters.

"I think this situation could be very dangerous," she said. "We are letting a foreign country choose its investments with regard to the religion of this or that part of the French population or of French territory."

The tiny but very wealthy Gulf state of Qatar late last year set up a 50-million-euro (\$67-million) fund for entrepreneurs from France's often-deprived suburbs to found businesses.

Le Pen, who is just two per-

centage points behind President Nicolas Sarkozy less than four months before the election here, also said that she was not happy with Qatar's takeover of Paris Saint-Germain last year.

"It does actually bother me that Qatar bought Paris Saint-Germain," she said at a press conference at the European American Press Club in Paris.

Qatar's Crown Prince Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani is owner of the club through Qatar Sports Investments.

Le Pen said that in general Qatar was "playing a double game" by presenting itself as an "enlightened" country while at the same time supporting Islamist groups in the Middle East and North Africa.

Gas-rich Qatar is a traditional French ally and provided vital Arab support to French and British-led efforts to get a UN mandate for mili-

tary action to protect civilians during the eight-month uprising in Libya.

Qatar also gave military support to NATO-led operations in Libya, including deploying troops on the ground.

Qatar Holding, the investment arm of Qatar's sovereign wealth fund, said this month it wanted a seat on the board of French media group Lagardere and may increase its stake further than the 10 percent level the fund holds.

An IFOP opinion poll on Thursday showed that in the first round of the French election in April, Socialist candidate Francois Hollande would take 27 percent of the vote, followed by Sarkozy at 23.5 percent and Le Pen at 21.5 percent.

The top two then go to a run-off two weeks later in which the survey said Hollande would beat Sarkozy 57 percent to 43 percent.

Marine Le Pen took over the leadership of the FN in January last year from her father Jean-Marie Le Pen, who stunned observers by making it into the second round of the presidential vote in 2002.

While sharing her father's far-right views, the blonde telegenic 43-year-old has sought to soften the FN's image. But her party has admitted she is struggling to win the 500 endorsements from elected representatives she needs to qualify for candidacy.

## Olympics: Games resale ticket site to reopen 'next week'

LONDON (AFP) - The crisis-hit London 2012 Olympic ticket re-sale website is set to reopen next week, organisers said Friday.

It has already been down for a week since being unable to cope with the vast demand, since when under-pressure agents Ticketmaster have been trying to get it back up and running.

However, a spokesman for the London 2012 Organising Committee (LOCOG) said Friday the problems had been fixed and that the site should reopen next week.

But the spokesman refused to specify an exact day when tickets will again go on sale or the nature of the technical solution.

"LOCOG confirms that a

solution has been found to enable the ticket resale platform to reopen next week."

The resale site was designed to allow fans to sell unwanted tickets, with others able to buy them on a first-come, first-served basis.

But many would-be purchasers were left frustrated as their attempts to buy tickets failed, with the site -- hours after they logged on -- showed the same tickets were available yet unable to be bought.

London 2012 said the confusion was down to thousands of people trying to buy tickets and the ensuing delay in removing those tickets from the system once they had in fact been purchased.

The resale window had been due to be open until Feb-

ruary 3, with a further one million 'contingency' tickets due to go on sale in May.

Officials have yet to confirm if the resale window will be extended.

Although ticket sales for the Games have been strong, the way in which tickets have been distributed has led to unwanted headlines for organisers.

Earlier this month LOCOG suffered the embarrassment of admitting they had mistakenly oversold tickets for synchronised swimming sessions and were forced to offer people places at other events.

Last year hundreds of thousands of British fans missed out on tickets for the Games in a lottery, amid massive demand.



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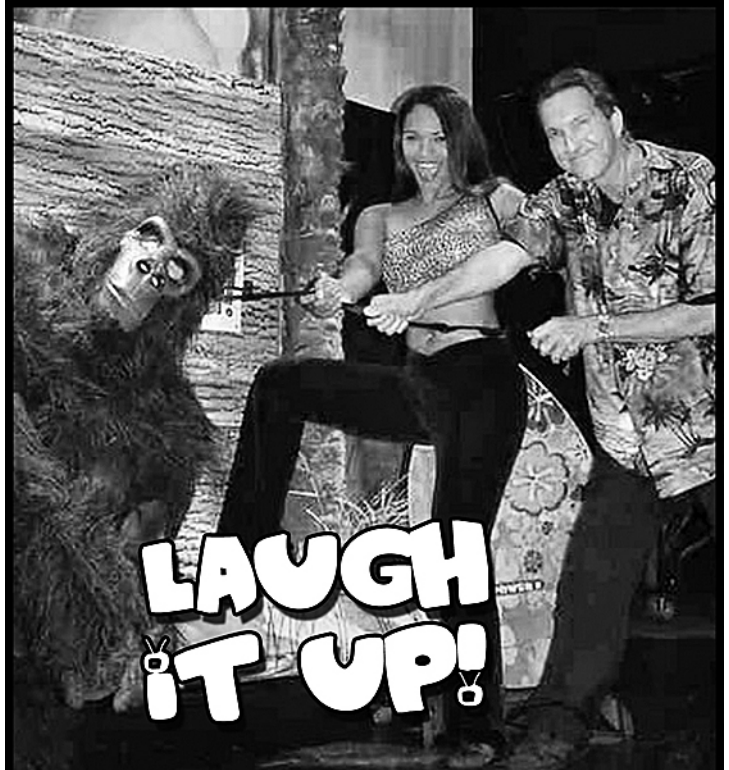
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## NBA: Depleted Hawks beat Bobcats

ATLANTA (AFP) - The Atlanta Hawks, rocked by news that injured center Al Horford will miss at least three months, regrouped for a convincing 111-81 NBA victory over the Charlotte Bobcats on Thursday.

The Hawks learned Thursday that Horford will miss three to four months with torn pectoral muscle, the left shoulder injury that forced him out of Wednesday's game at Indiana.

The news was a blow for a team with Eastern Conference playoff hopes, but coach Larry Drew was pleased with how the Hawks responded.

"We had a few lapses defensively but our energy level was high," Drew said. "When we play with that type of energy and get up the floor and fly around, we are a pretty good club."

The Hawks out-rebounded the Bobcats 55-30. Josh Smith led Atlanta with 30 points and 13 rebounds. Joe Johnson added 23 points and eight assists.

"We took care of the basketball, we executed very well and we moved the ball," Drew said. "I thought we played overall a really solid game."

Charlotte coach Paul Silas, meanwhile, could find little positive to say about his team,

who have now lost five straight and fallen to 2-9.

Silas said his starters have "just kind of given up now."

"I tell my players, we've got to learn from our losses," he added. "That doesn't seem to be coming very quickly."

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New York is one of the hottest teams in the league coming off three emotional wins. "We're going to win. One-hundred percent we're going to win, because we're the best," Giants defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul said.

Green Bay is also dealing with the tragic death of the 21-year-old son of offensive coordinator Joe Philbin. Michael Philbin's body was pulled from the Fox River on Monday.

Denver quarterback Tim Tebow doesn't have a Super Bowl ring to his credit but he does have the magic touch late in games this season.

Tebow will try to continue his late-game heroics Saturday against the Patriots, who have one of the league's worst pass defences.

But in their regular season contest, the Patriots romped to a 41-23 win and are heavily favoured in this one.

The Ravens will hope to use home field advantage to beat Houston in the first of two playoff games on Sunday.

Baltimore is 18-1 in their last 19 games at home but the Ravens won the regular season game 29-14.

Meanwhile Tim Tebow, one of America's hottest new sports heroes, will help pay for a children's hospital in the poverty-stricken Philippines where he was born, his charity partners said Friday.

The \$3 million, 30-bed facility will open in the southern city of Davao in mid-2013, the US-based charity CURE said in a statement on its website where a video message from the Denver Broncos quarterback was also posted.

"I've always had a special place in my heart for the country in which I was born and I'm very excited about this project," Tebow said in the message as he appealed for the public to join him in donating to the hospital's fund.



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## Football: Rooney tip gets Gibson to Goodison



LIVERPOOL (AFP) - Darron Gibson has revealed he joined Everton from Manchester United after advice from Wayne Rooney, the England striker who moved in the opposite direction.

A lack of first team chances at Old Trafford -- summed up when the midfielder was overlooked for the FA Cup win over Manchester City when the United manager recalled 37-year-old Paul Scholes from retirement instead -- persuaded Republic of Ireland international Gibson it was time to move on.

"I was speaking to Wayne about it a bit and after that and coming to see the facilities it was an easy decision," said the 24-year-old Gibson, who also talked to Everton's Australia international Tim Cahill and another United old boy in Toffees captain Phil Neville before making his move.

"He (Rooney) told me it was a great club and he really enjoyed his time and the people here," Gibson added.

"Having a word with him and people like Tim Cahill and Phil Neville convinced me to come."

Gibson, in the squad to

face Aston Villa on Saturday, has signed a four-and-a-half-year contract for a reported fee of one million pounds, rising to two million on appearances.

A product of the United youth team, Gibson has scored 10 goals in 60 appearances for the English champions since breaking into the first team in the 2005/06 season.

Born in Northern Ireland, Gibson has played 17 times for the Republic and scored one goal.

However, he has only played twice for United this season and Gibson said he knew his time at Old Trafford was up when Ferguson re-

called Scholes for the 3-2 victory over City last weekend.

"I was very frustrated (at Manchester United). When Scholes came back the manager told me I was free to go.

"Everton had shown some interest a month before hand and the gaffer (David Moyes) wanted me in so it went from there.

"I think it was the right time for me to move on and I'm looking forward to my time here," explained Gibson, who has left second-placed English champions United for an Everton side who are 11th in the Premier League table.

Meanwhile Ferguson wished his former player well, saying Gibson could follow the example of both Neville and goalkeeper Tim Howard in making a successful switch from United to Everton.

"I think it's a good move for him," said Ferguson.

"He has to get on with his career. He's got terrific ability, Darron, but he knew he wasn't going to be a first-team regular here all the time."

Ferguson added Gibson would be a welcome boost to Everton manager Moyes's injury-hit squad.

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## Boxing: WBA orders Khan-Peterson rematch

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The World Boxing Association on Friday ordered a rematch within 180 days of the controversial light-welterweight world title fight between Britain's Amir Khan and American Lamont Peterson.

The move comes in the wake of a much debated split-decision victory by Peterson over the Englishman last month in Washington, Peterson's hometown, and after a formal appeal by Golden Boy Promotions to the WBA on behalf of Khan.

"I'm pleased that justice has been done and the WBA has ordered an immediate rematch," Khan said. "All we ask as sportsmen is for a fair and level playing field when we compete."

"Lamont Peterson proved in our fight that he is a great competitor. I hope a second bout will be just as exciting. I want to prove without doubt that I'm the best in the 140-pound division by taking care of business in the rematch."

Referee Joe Cooper deducted points from Khan in the seventh and 12th rounds for pushing, a rare call, and did not credit Khan with what should have been a knock-down in the first round, according to the WBA.

The sanctioning body said Cooper's moves impacted the outcome of the fight. Had Khan not been docked the point in the final round, judges scores would have made the fight a draw and Khan would have kept his titles.

Instead, Peterson took the WBA and International Boxing Federation crowns, improving to 30-1-1 with 15 knockouts. Khan fell to 26-2 with 18 knockouts.

Peterson, mentioned as a possible next foe for Manny Pacquiao, could vacate the WBA crown rather than fight a rematch with Khan and even keep a share of the title, depending on what happens in next week's IBF hearing on

the fight.

"Unfortunately, we are in this process of dealing with these unfounded protests," said Barry Hunter, Peterson's manager and trainer.

"Khan blames everyone and everything but his performance and lack of ability to make adjustments in the ring for his loss."

"It would be an understatement to characterize Lamont as being disappointed in the unprofessional manner in which Khan is attempting to discredit his performance in the ring and victory."

"I'm thrilled about the decision and hope that we can start negotiations and get the rematch done," Golden Boy chief executive Richard Schaefer said.

"Both Amir and Lamont are terrific young men and athletes who fought their hearts out in Washington last December. I am sure that fight fans from around the world applaud the WBA's decision."

The WBA also pointed to an unauthorized person, IBF-credentialed Mustafa Ameen, handling the official scoring slips used by judges during the bout then posing with Peterson for pictures after the fight.

Hunter, who turned down a rematch offer worth \$1 million immediately after the Khan fight, said Ameen is not connected to Peterson or their camp.

## NFL: Ex-Super Bowl MVPs set to showcase talents

NEW YORK (AFP) - Four ex-Super Bowl Most Valuable Player quarterbacks will be showcasing their talents this weekend in the second round of the National Football League playoffs.

The New England Patriots' Tom Brady, New York Giants' Eli Manning, New Orleans Saints' Drew Brees and

Green Bay Packers' Aaron Rodgers are all trying to add to their legacy by winning another championship ring in Super Bowl 46.

Brees brings the NFL's No. 1 offence to San Francisco in a National Conference divisional contest on Saturday, facing a 49ers team whose defence ranks near the top of the league.

The Saints' high-octane offence is led by the 32-year-old Brees who set a single season passing record this year. New Orleans was first in the league in passing (344 yards per game) and completion percentage (71 percent).

"They're the number one team against the run," Brees said of the 49ers. "They're doing everything defensively that you would preach to your guys."

"This is one of those matchups when you look from last year to this year in terms of a confidence standpoint and they're playing with a lot of confidence."

The outdoor contest is the only game in the divisional playoffs that isn't a rematch of a regular season game. The Saints beat the 49ers 25-22 the last time they met in September of 2010.

New Orleans has an 11-1 record this year in games played indoors and are just 3-2 when they play outdoors, losing in Green Bay and Tampa.

"We look at it as another game, whether it's indoors, outdoors, west coast, north, east, west. If there's elements to be dealt with, we keep those in mind," Brees said.

San Francisco will be the

biggest test of the season so far for the Saints. The 49ers were first in the NFC, holding the opponent's quarterbacks to just 57.5 completion percentage.

The defending champion Packers went 15-1 in the regular season with the offence averaging a league-best 35 points per game. Offsetting that, however, is a sloppy defence that allowed 6,585 yards compared to the 6,482 yards gained by the offence.

If the Packers do repeat, they would be the first champions with the league's worst ranked defence.

The Packers will be meeting the New York Giants for the second time this season. In the first contest on December 4, Green Bay kicked a late field goal to win 38-35.

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